



Appl. No. 09/990,801  
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Reply to Office action of 2/26/2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	John Brinkman	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 26, 2004, please consider the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.